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documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2003-106669, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2002-322713, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 2 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-160249, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 5 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

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Japanese Patent Publication No. HEI 1-35256, together with an English language Abstract of patent family member Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. SHO 58-120039 and a partial English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. SHO 58-62447, together with an English language Abstract and a partial translation of the same;

Japanese Utility Model Registration No. HEI 1-25238, together with a partial English language translation of the same;

Japanese Utility Model Registration No. SHO 50-73048, together with a partial English language translation of the same;

Japanese Utility Model Registration No. SHO 59-65337, together with a partial English language translation of the same;

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Japanese Utility Model Registration No. SHO 63-107695, together with a partial English language translation of the same;

Japanese Utility Model Registration No. 3033412, together with a partial English language translation of the same; and


Japanese Lad-open Patent Publication No. SHO 58-000040, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the above-captioned application.

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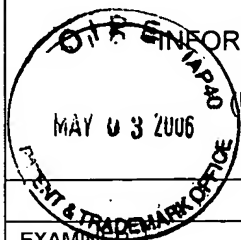
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